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AND APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application claims benefit under 35 USC 119(e) of the provisional application filed June 30, 1997, S/N 60/051,307.

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/940,429, filed September 30, 1997.--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- TECHNICAL FIELD. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, lines 6-10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to cryptography configuration, more particularly, a method and apparatus for controlling the use of cryptography such that products utilizing these